

Dear Sirs,

I am a Ct. tax payer and citizen who has chosen to heat my home with an outdoor wood burning furnace (OWF). I have done so since 2002, not only heating my home but my pool and garage as well. I burn only wood, that is provided to me by a local tree service that would otherwise end up in a local landfill. Wood is also a renewable resource which is abundant in Connecticut. The use of an outdoor wood burning furnace eliminates the risks of fires and carbon monoxide poisoning which kill hundreds of people every year. Heating with wood is one way that Americans can become independent from foreign imported oil which we now spend over 700 billion a year.

The State of Connecticut already regulates OWFs in accordance with Public act 05-227. Now instead of additional restrictions, I have been informed that under a proposed 2011 Connecticut **Bill No. 830**, I will lose all my rights to use my furnace. Apparently the bill is being considered because of a handful of OWF owners who may be using their furnaces in violation of current law. A few drunk drivers have not led to a ban of all automobiles. Offenders should be punished and law abiding citizens, like me, should be able to continue using their outdoor wood furnaces.

**I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO OPPOSE BILL NO. 830**

Respectfully,

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